

## Message Text

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FOR AMBASSADOR IRVING FROM CHARGE

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PDIP  
SUBJECT: PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS BY AMBASSADOR NREDERICK IRVING

1. PRESENTATION OF YOUR CREDENTIALS TO GOVERNOR GENERAL  
FLORIZEL GLASSPOLE HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR 1030 HOURS, THURSDAY,  
JULY 14. SCENARIO IS AS FOLLOWS BUT MAY BE SUBJECT TO MINOR  
CHANGES.

2. GOVERNOR GENERAL'S CAR WITH ADC, LT. MICHAEL BENJAMIN,  
PICKS UP YOU AND MYSELF AT YOUR RESIDENCE (OR POSSIBLY AT  
THE FOREIGN MINISTRY IF YOU CALL ON THE FONMIN BEFORE THE  
GOVERNOR GENERAL, SEE BELOW) AT 1010 HOURS TO PROCEED  
DIRECTLY TO KING'S HOUSE. ON ARRIVAL AT KING'S HOUSE YOU  
WILL BE INVITED TO SIGN THE REGISTER BY DIRECTOR OF  
PROTOCOL LOUIS BOOTHE WHO WILL MEET YOU. LOUIS BOOTHE WILL  
THEN ESCORT US TO THE GOVERNOR GENERAL. AT THAT POINT YOU  
WILL BE EXPECTED TO MAKE A VERY BRIEF "GREETING" AND  
THEN PRESENT YOUR CREDENTIALS TO THE GOVERNOR GENERAL.  
THE GOVERNOR GENERAL WILL THEN INVITE US TO HIS  
VERANDAH FOR A DRINK (FRUIT JUICE) AND WHAT WILL BE A  
VERY RELAXED AND INFORMAL CONVERSATION.

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LOQUACIOUS AND WILL UNDOUBTEDLY TAKE THE LEAD. DEPART-  
URE FROM KING'S HOUSE IN THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S  
VEHICLE TO EITHER YOUR RESIDENCE OR TO THE CHANCERY  
WILL BE AT ABOUT 1100 OR 1115 HOURS.

3. I ASKED WHETHER IT IS EVER APPROPRIATE FOR WIVES  
TO BE PRESENT AND WAS TOLD "NEVER". HOWEVER, A

SEPARATE CALL IS BEING ARRANGED BY THE FOREIGN MINISTRY  
FOR MRS. IRVING ON MRS. GLASSPOLE. THIS WILL PROBABLY

BE LATER THE SAME DAY.

4. PROTOCOL ALSO REQUIRES THAT YOU CALL ON FONMIN  
PATTERSON, FOREIGN MINISTRY PERMSEC FRANK FRANCIS, AND  
FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRECTOR OF PROTOCOL. THIS PROBABLY  
WILL BE THE MORNING OF THE 14TH, BEFORE THE CALL ON  
THE GG. THESE CALLS ARE PURELY COURTESY AND ARE VERY  
BRIEF, I.E. 20-30 MINUTES TOTAL TIME. YOU WILL BE  
EXPECTED TO PROVIDE A COPY OF YOUR CREDENTIALS AT THAT  
TIME TO FONMIN PATTERSON.

5. FOREGOING COMPLETES ALL MANDATORY CALLS ALTHOUGH  
THE NORMAL PATTERN HERE IS TO THEN PROCEED TO  
ARRANGE AT MUTUAL CONVENIENCE CALLS ON THE PRIME  
MINISTER, MEMBERS OF THE CABINET, LEADER OF THE  
OPPOSITION, AND OF COURSE, THE HEADS OF THE DIPLOMATIC  
MISSIONS. THE CALL ON THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION  
CAN BE AT ANY TIME AFTER YOUR CALLS ON THE PM AND  
THE DEPUTY PM.

6. COMMENT: THE FACT THAT YOU ARE CALLING ON THE  
GOVERNOR GENERAL LESS THAN 24 HOURS AFTER YOUR ARRIVAL  
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IS PROBABLY A RECORD HERE. MOST SUCH CALLS TAKE PLACE  
AT LEAST 4 OR 5 DAYS AND EVEN WEEKS AFTER THE ARRIVAL  
OF AN AMBASSADOR. THIS IS A QUITE DELIBERATE SIGNAL  
OF THE IMPORTANCE ATTACHED BY THE GOJ TO YOUR ARRIVAL  
AS PRESIDENT CARTER'S AMBASSADOR, AND TO THE DESIRE FOR  
IMPROVED GOJ/USG RELATIONSHIPS. IT IS ALSO SOMETHING OF A  
PERSONAL HONOR FOR YOU.  
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